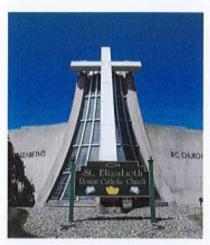
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Rev. Stanley M. Moczydlowski Pastor

Parish Registration

Roman Catholics living in the parish boundaries should be registered with St. Elizabeth of Hungary. Registration and regular participation at Mass are required for the administration of the Sacraments, Certificate of Eligibility, and attendance in C.Y.O. and P.R.E.P. Please register at the parish office. Registration packets are also located in the church foyer and on the church website.

Sacraments

Reconciliation (Confession) - Saturday 3:30 - 4:15 PM and by appointment.

Baptism - First Sunday of the month. Please contact the parish office early in the pregnancy to begin arrangements. Family must be registered with the parish. Preparation class for parents is held monthly.

Marriage - Engaged couples should contact the parish office at least six months in advance of their proposed wedding in order to set a date with the priest. Either the groom or bride should be a registered parishioner and practicing at St. Elizabeth of Hungary.

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. Would you like to learn more about the Catholic faith or become Catholic? Please contact the parish office for information and scheduling.

Anointing of the Sick - Hospitals are visited on a regular basis. Please call the parish office to report emergencies.

Godparents & Confirmation Sponsors – You must be registered with the parish, be at least 16 years of age, have received the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation, must attend Mass regularly and, if married, the marriage must be recognized by the church. All requests for 'Certificate of Eligibility' are to be made well in advance to the parish office.

Mass Schedule

Sunday: 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM Weekdays: 9:00 AM (Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri)

Thursday: 7:00 PM

Saturday: 8:30 AM (1st Saturday Only)

Saturday: 4:30 PM

Holy Days: Consult Bulletin and Website

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



If we could only choose a handful of verses from the Bible and try to convey what it means to be a disciple of Jesus, we would have to include a statement that we heard from Jesus in the Gospel of John. And while we have all heard it before, it is one of the most profound things ever spoken or written.

'Amen, amen I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.'

Clearly, in one sense, Jesus is referring to Himself. He is the grain of wheat which will fall to the ground and die. And the fruits of that death will be so much more than could be expected or even imagined. Jesus died so that we could live. THAT is the Good News. We should never forget what Jesus did for us and for the entire world. One of the most important aspects of our Lenten Season is that we make sure we are always grateful for the selfless, saving acts of our Lord.

What we don't always know, believe, or understand is that this is precisely what we are called to do. We are also called to be grains of wheat, called to 'die', so that others might 'live'. Maybe the difficulty we have in accepting this truth stems from our assumption that our 'dying' must be in dramatic and extraordinary ways. For some of us this may be, but my guess is that real and lasting fruit will primarily be produced through countless small and seemingly insignificant 'deaths'.

Put another way, I believe in my heart that the world will likely be transformed, and we will be transformed, through trivial things that seem to be of little importance, yet things that shape, impact, and make a difference in this world in ways we can't predict or imagine.

And so, if you are ready to embrace these profound and challenging words from the mouth of Jesus, if you are ready to be a grain of wheat, if you are ready to die so that life may grow abundantly on this earth.

Refrain from the need to get even.

- -Don't feel the need to win every argument.
- -Go to that movie you really don't want to see (but go because your spouse does).
- -Do your homework before going out to play.
- -Reach out to a lonely person (even if your life is busy).
- -Paint that room you have been promising to do for weeks.
- -Be kind to people you really don't like.
- -Give to someone in need, without passing judgement.
- -Don't try to top every story with a better story of your own.
- -Go to counseling for the sake of your marriage.
- -You fill in the blank.

Dying, a bad thing? Not when we do it for someone else. Not when we do it for our God who has done it for us first.

May your Lenten journey continue to be fruitful.

God bless you, Fr. Stan

OUR PRAYER INTENTIONS*

If admitted to the hospital or ER, please call the parish if you want a priest to visit or need an Anointing.

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INTENTIONS

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for Howard Sweeney requested by Maria Sweeney.

St. Patrick's Day Parade - St. Elizabeth Regional School $^{\circ}$

St. Elizabeth Regional School students will be marching in the Allentown St. Patrick's Day parade on

Sunday, March 17th. Please come and wave to our very own St. Patrick (Deacon Mike)!

The school needs a trailer which can be towed behind a pickup truck. The truck will be driven by teacher, Jim Millets. Please call Jim if you have a trailer to loan or need more information, 484-347-4563.



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MASSES / SERVICES

MONDAY	March 18	9:00 AM	Pat Meleski	
TUESDAY	March 19	9:00 AM	Roger Kromer	
WEDNESDAY	MARCH 20	9:00 AM	Fred Stankavish	
THURSDAY	MARCH 21	7:00 PM	Anointing Mass	
FRIDAY	MARCH 22	9:00 AM	Margaret Kratzer	
SATURDAY	MARCH 23	4 :30 PM	Helen O'Donnell	
SUNDAY	MARCH 24	8:00 AM	Thang Tran	
			People of the Parish	
		10:00 AM	Albert Minetola	

TO THOSE WITH HEALTH CONCERNS



We welcome you to Mass each weekend. If you wish to receive Holy Communion and find it difficult to join the Communion line, please let the usher know and an Extraordinary Minister will bring communion to you. Low gluten hosts are available; prior to Mass go to the sacristy to let the celebrant know so the host can be prepared.

RECONCILIATION / CONFESSION

Reconciliation is available before weekend Masses. Saturday 3:30-4:15, Sunday 7:15-7:45 am, 9:15-9:45 am and by appointment during weekdays.

EMERGENCY and need a priest? Please call 610-266-0695. After hours use ext. 310, the emergency voice mailbox.

RCIA TOPIC THIS WEEK



Looking for spiritual enrichment? You are welcome to attend the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (R.C.I.A.) class on Tuesdays each week at 7 pm in the large meeting room on the second floor of the Parish Office.

The topic on March 19th will be Supernatural Things II.

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY





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MINISTRY COMMUNITY

We are Remembered 33^{RD} Easter Mass

The 33rd Annual Easter Mass sponsored by the Diocesan Ministry "We Are Remembered" will be celebrated on Wednesday, April 3 at 7 pm. "We minister and welcome all who mourn the death and passing of a loved one." Monday, March 20th is the deadline to have the names of loved ones enrolled to ensure their inclusion in the Book of the Remembered and the enrollment list that will be printed in the AD Today Newspaper. We Are Remembered requests a \$5 donation for each name enrolled to cover expenses. Every name submitted will be enrolled regardless of donation. "The work of the ministry is sustained by your generosity and prayerful support." To register, send the following information and checks to We Are Remembered Ministry. Include: Sponsor(s) name, donation amount, address, phone number, email, and Name(s) of the deceased.



Please prayerfully consider volunteering to deliver gifts to our parishioners who live in assisted living or nursing home facilities and those who are homebound. Volunteers are needed for Thursday after 12 noon and Friday, March 14 & 15. Please contact Mary at 610-266-0695 ext. 208 or dirreled@sercc.org if you can offer some of your precious time to deliver these gifts to our parish shut ins. Thank you.

HOLY THURSDAY - CHURCH HOPPING

our annual "Church Hopping" after the 7:00 p.m. Mass on Holy Thursday. It is a quiet time when Catholics are asked to stay awake and wait with Jesus just as the apostles were asked on that night in the Garden of Gethsemane. We will travel to four other parishes and pray a decade of the Sorrowful Mysteries at each church. We will return to St. Elizabeth at approximately 9:45 to pray (our fifth stop). All you need is a rosary and a prayerful heart! We will meet after Mass in front of the parish hall doors for all who are interested. Please contact Mary

LIVING STATIONS

Spieker for more information.

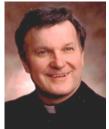
Our 8th graders will present the Living Stations two times during this Lenten season. Please join us in St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church on: Tuesday, March 26 at 6:30 pm and Wednesday, March 27 at 9:00 am. Come and join us as we walk the path to salvation.

All are invited. Consider bringing your family and friends along for



APOLOGIES

Last week in the bulletin we placed a photo of Fr. Potts to celebrate his 60th Ordination Anniversary. The copier toner was exceptionally low, and his photo was a grainy 'guess who image'. Here is a clearer image of Fr. Potts!



SACRAMENTS

New to the parish? – Register as a new member to receive Sacraments.

INFANT BAPTISM:

Baptisms are currently being celebrated on the first Sunday of the month. Registered parish members may contact the parish office as soon as they learn that a child is on the way but should contact the parish office at least two months prior to the Baptism to register for the Baptism Class.

FIRST PENANCE / EUCHARIST:

Normally received in 2nd grade. Parish member's enrollment in St. Elizabeth Regional School or Parish Religious Education Program (P.R.E.P) is required for two years before reception.

CONFIRMATION

Normally received in 8th grade. Parish member's enrollment in St. Elizabeth Regional School or Parish Religious Education Program (P.R.E.P) is required for at least two years before reception.

MARRIAGE:

At least six months before your anticipated wedding. Contact the pastor for a meeting to go over information regarding scheduling and the preparation process.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

Contact our parish office for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick prior to surgery or during serious illness. Holy Communion is brought to the homebound monthly.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS: (R.C.I.A.)

Is Jesus inviting you to join His Church? Do you want to become Catholic? Contact the parish office to learn more about this process. We look forward to journeying in Faith with you.



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ANOINTING MASS



"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." *Matthew 11:8* All who are infirm, anticipating surgery, suffering from mental or terminal illness are welcome to attend a special Anointing Mass at St. Elizabeth parish on Thursday, March 21, at 7:00 pm. Parishioners and guests are asked to be seated in the middle sections of the church on the left-hand side if possible.

YOUTH MINISTRY



SUN 3/24: Basketball Competition

@ Parish Hall, 6 - 8 p.m.

Our annual March Madness basketball competition is here! Inviting all no matter your basketball skills!

PARISH FESTIVAL



Food, Food – hot dogs, hamburgers, potato pancakes, steak sandwiches, sausage sandwiches, pierogies, French fries, cabbage and noodles, waffles and ice cream, snow cones, funnel cakes! Hungry yet?

Time is running out to complete the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey to strengthen St. Elizabeth and better prepare us for the future! We need your perspective as a parishioner as we work to identify our greatest strengths and opportunities. Complete the survey today and help St. Elizabeth thrive!

Please continue to pray for this intention and for the growth and protection of our parish.

For the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey link, please visit.

https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/b3581b.

LENTEN REMINDERS:



STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR THE ELDERLY

For our homebound parishioners who would like to do the Stations of the Cross.

https://www.simplycatholic.com/stations-of-the-cross-for-the-elderly/

UPCOMING LENTEN SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES

Stations of the Cross

Fridays at 2 pm (*nith school*) Fridays at 7 pm March 22, 29

Adoration and Reconciliation*

3:30 – 4:15 every Saturday 7:15 – 7:45 and 9:15 – 9:45 every Sunday Tuesday, March 19 from 6:30 – 7:30 pm *Multiple confessors will be available

Living Stations

Tuesday, March 26 at 6:30 pm Wednesday, March 27 at 10:00 am



Liturgy of the Lord's Supper

Holy Thursday, March 28 at 7:00 pm Adoration until 10:00 pm

Good Friday

Lord's Passion March 29 at 3:00 pm

Blessing of Easter Baskets

Holy Saturday, March 30 at noon

Easter Masses

Saturday Easter Vigil at 8:00 pm Sunday 8:00 am and 10:00 am



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Extra donation for refreshments & paper products				
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If you have any questions, please	reach out to Trina J	Johns @ 610-509-0703 or <u>trinajo</u>	hns322@yahoo.com	





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Upcoming Community Events

Cay Galgon Life House and Lenten Giving Tree

Instead of the Baby Bottle Campaign this year, donations can be made directly from **Amazon Wishlist** (link below) and shipped directly to Life House at 714 W. Broad St., Bethlehem, PA 18018. For those who do not wish to donate in this way, we will have a Lenten Giving Tree up in the vestibule of the church for you to pick tags and drop off donations by **Monday, March 25**. We greatly appreciate your support!

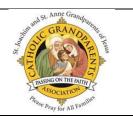


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Lenten Fish Dinner

Eat In or Pick Up at St. John the Baptist Social Hall, 924 N. Front St. Allentown on Friday March 22nd from 4:00 – 6:30 pm. Dinner is \$15 and includes baked haddock fillet, roasted potatoes, candied carrots, creamed cabbage, tartar sauce or cocktail sauce, dessert, coffee, tea, water. BYOB. Tickets can be purchased by calling 610-432-0034 during business hours (M-F 9:00 am - 2:00 pm). Deadline for ticket purchase March 18th. No sales at the door.

Catholic Grandparents Association Meeting Announcement March 16, 2024, at 9:15AM St. Joseph the Worker Parish Center



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